

Where's The Art?



American schools have made incredible gains that focus on student learning in art. Most states have identified art knowledges and skills students should learn and thousands of art teachers have redesigned their curriculum and realigned their instructional practices. School districts and universities are working together on new professional development and continuing education programs.

Yet, about half of our nation's elementary schools have full-time art teachers, only 60% of public secondary schools require arts as a part of graduation requirements, 35% of higher education institutions count arts grades when computing GPA's, only 14 states license or certify art teachers based on specific arts standards, and only 13% of the states conduct statewide assessments in the arts.

We need better arts education policies for our children!

What Can You Do?

- *Lead efforts to generate public understanding of the ideas behind the importance of art education policies that promote student learning in art.*
- *Encourage parents, school boards, legislators, press/media to support better policies for art education programs that lead to student learning in art.*
- *Spend time at public meetings to review how art education policies can enhance the quality of art education for all students.*

SUPPORT IMPROVING ART EDUCATION POLICIES.

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